

or more than one year before the effective filing date of the claims. Thus, this promotional information cannot properly be considered to be prior art.

Plebanek does not anticipate or render obvious any claims, either alone or in combination.

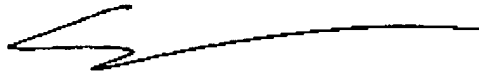
Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is hereby respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for any extension of time necessary to render this paper timely.

Please charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0694.

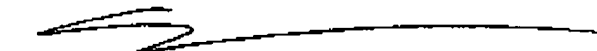
Respectfully submitted,



Seth M. Nehrbass, Reg. No. 31,281
Charles C. Garvey, Jr., Reg. No. 27,889
Gregory C. Smith, Reg. No. 29,441
Stephen R. Doody, Reg. No. 29,062
Brett A. North, Reg. No. 42,040
GARVEY, SMITH, NEHRBASS & DOODY, L.L.C.
PTO Customer No. 22920
3838 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 3290
Metairie, LA 70002
Tel.: (504) 835-2000
Fax: 504-835-2070
e-mail: 1PLNO@AOL.COM
www.neworleanspatents.com

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this paper (4 pages total) is being facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office on October 31, 2002.



Signature

Seth M. Nehrbass
(Typed or printed name of person signing)

P:\Seth\98361.3.res2.wpd